

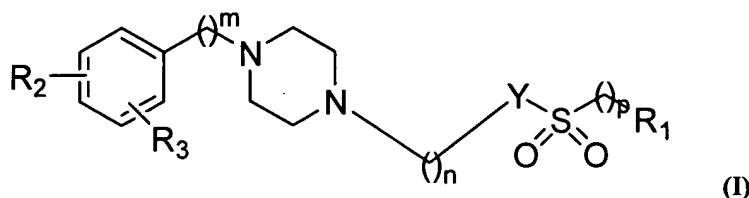
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims pending in this application. Claims 13-17, 19-29, 38, 40, 44, 50, 52, 57-58, 68-72, 84-85 and 87-97 have been cancelled without prejudice to their subsequent introduction into this or related applications.

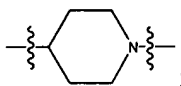
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A compound having the formula



wherein

- R_1 is unsubstituted alkyl or cycloalkyl;
- R_2 and R_3 independently are hydrogen, nitro, lower alkoxy, or $-NR_4R_5$, provided that R_2 and R_3 are not both hydrogen;
- R_4 and R_5 are independently H, lower alkyl; COR_6 or SO_2R_6 , where R_6 is lower alkyl or cycloalkyl;
- Y is NH, N(lower alkyl) or ;
- m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
- n is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
- p is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

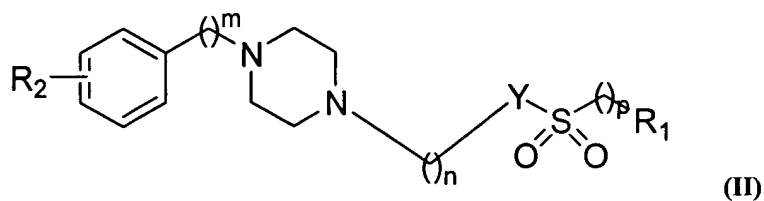
2. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of lower alkoxy; amino; nitro; NHCO-alkyl; NHCO-cycloalkyl; -N-(alkyl)-CO-alkyl; and -NHSO₂alkyl.
3. (currently amended) The compound of claim 2, wherein R₂ is nitro, NHCO-alkyl, -N-(alkyl)-CO-alkyl, or alkylamino; and R₃ is H.
4. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein said NHCO-alkyl is NHCO-lower alkyl.
5. (currently amended) The compound of claim 4, wherein said NHCO-lower alkyl is NHCO-(CH₃), NHCO-(CH₂CH₃), NHCO-(CH₂CH₂-CH₃), or NHCO-(CH(CH₃)₂).
6. (original) The compound of claim 3, wherein R₂ is in the meta position.
7. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said lower alkyl or alkoxy is lower (C₁-C₄).
8. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said cycloalkyl is (C₃-C₆).
9. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ is *n*-butyl, *s*-butyl, *i*-butyl, or cycloalkyl.
10. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said cycloalkyl is cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, methylcyclohexyl, 2-methylcyclohexyl, or phenylcyclohexyl.
11. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0.
12. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1 or 4.
13. (canceled)
14. (canceled)
15. (canceled)
16. (canceled)
17. (canceled)
18. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

19. (canceled)
20. (canceled)
21. (canceled)
22. (canceled)
23. (canceled)
24. (canceled)
25. (canceled)
26. (canceled)
27. (canceled)
28. (canceled)
29. (canceled)
30. (currently amended) 4-Methyl-N-{4-[4-(3-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
31. (currently amended) 4-Methyl-N-{4-[4-(3-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzenesulfonamide HCl.
32. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-butyramide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
33. (currently amended) 2,2-Dimethyl-N-(3-{4-[4-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-propionamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
34. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-isobutyramide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

35. (currently amended) N-{4-[4-(3-Ethanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
36. (currently amended) 4-Methyl-N-(4-{4-[3-(propane-2-sulfonylamino)-phenyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-butyl)-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
37. (currently amended) 4-Methyl-N-{4-[4-(3-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
38. (canceled)
39. (currently amended) N-{4-[4-(2-Methoxy-5-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
40. (canceled)
41. (currently amended) N-{4-[4-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
42. (currently amended) N-{4-[4-(3-Ethanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
43. (currently amended) N-{4-[4-(3-Methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
44. (canceled)
45. (currently amended) N-[4-(4-Biphenyl-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl]-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

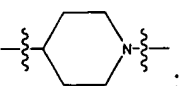
46. (currently amended) 4-Methyl-N-[4-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-butyl]-benzenesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
47. (currently amended) 1-cyclohexyl-N-(4-(4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl)butyl)methanesulfonamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
48. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-propionamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
49. (currently amended) (3-{4-[1-(4-Fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-ylmethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-dimethyl-amine; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
50. (canceled)
51. (currently amended) 1-cyclohexyl-N-(4-(4-(3-(dimethylamino)phenyl)piperazin-1-yl)butyl)methanesulfonamide ; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
52. (canceled)
53. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[1-(4-Fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-ylmethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
54. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(4-Fluoro-benzenesulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
55. (currently amended) 1-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-4-[1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-3-ylmethyl]-piperazine; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

56. (currently amended) A compound having the formula



wherein

- R₁ is unsubstituted alkyl or cycloalkyl;
- R₂ selected from the group consisting of lower alkoxy; amino; nitro; NHCO-lower alkyl; NHCO-cycloalkyl; -N-(alkyl)-CO-alkyl; alkylamino; and NHSO₂alkyl;

- Y is NH, N(lower alkyl) or ;
- m is 0, 1, or 2;
- n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
- p is 0 or 1; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

57. (canceled)

58. (canceled)

59. (currently amended) The compound of claim 56, wherein said NHCO-lower alkyl is NHCO-(CH₃), NHCO-(CH₂CH₃), NHCO-(CH₂CH₂-CH₃), or NHCO-(CH(CH₃)₂).

60. (original) The compound of claim 56, wherein R₂ is in the meta position.

61. (original) The compound of claim 56, wherein said lower alkyl or alkoxy is lower (C₁-C₄).

62. (currently amended) The compound of claim 56, wherein said cycloalkyl is (C₃-C₆).

63. (currently amended) The compound of claim 56, wherein R₁ is *n*-butyl, *s*-butyl, *i*-butyl, or cycloalkyl.

64. (currently amended) The compound of claim 63, wherein said cycloalkyl is cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, methylcyclohexyl, or phenylcyclohexyl.
65. (original) The compound of claim 56, wherein m is 0.
66. (currently amended) The compound of claim 56, wherein n is 1 or 4.
67. (currently amended) The compound of claim 56, wherein p is 0 or 1.
68. (canceled)
69. (canceled)
70. (canceled)
71. (canceled)
72. (canceled)
73. (currently amended) Cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (3-{4-[4-(toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-amide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts.
74. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Toluene-4-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
75. (currently amended) N-{3-[4-(4-Cyclohexylmethanesulfonylamino-butyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
76. (currently amended) N-{3-[4-(1-Cyclohexylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-ylmethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
77. (currently amended) Cyclopropanecarboxylic acid {3-[4-(4-cyclohexylmethanesulfonylamino-butyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenyl}-amide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

78. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[1-(Propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-ylmethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
79. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Propane-2-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
80. (currently amended) N-{3-[4-(4-Cyclohexanesulfonylamino-butyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
81. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(Cyclohexylmethanesulfonyl-methyl-amino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
82. (currently amended) N-(3-{4-[4-(2-Methyl-propane-1-sulfonylamino)-butyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
83. (currently amended) N-[3-(4-{4-[Methyl-(2-methyl-propane-1-sulfonyl)-amino]-butyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
84. (canceled)
85. (canceled)
86. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 56, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
87. (canceled)
88. (canceled)
89. (canceled)
90. (canceled)

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92. (canceled)
93. (canceled)
94. (canceled)
95. (canceled)
96. (canceled)
97. (canceled)
98. (new) The compound of claim 1, wherein p is 0 or 1.